



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yukihito ICHIKAWA

Group Art Unit: 1797

Application No.: 10/507,185

Examiner: N. YOUNG

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Docket No.: 121069

For: HONEYCOMB STRUCTURAL BODY, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE
STRUCTURAL BODY, AND CATALYST BODY USING THE STRUCTURAL
BODY

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the May 5, 2008 Office Action, and in view of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Young and Examiner Griffin in the August 13, 2008 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 15-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,568,402 to Ogawa et al. ("Ogawa") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,720,787 to Kasai et al. ("Kasai"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 15 and 22 recite a honeycomb structure in which a predetermined number of outer peripheral cells are sealed by the inner peripheral surface of the outer wall to form "shielded cells." The Office Action asserts that Ogawa and Kasai disclose sealing a